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"Whatever you do, strive to do it so well that no man living and no man dead and no man yet to be born could do it any better."

avis Denies Jail Sexual Harassment Charges

by Doc Carney

On the morning of Nov. 20, 1991, Earl D. Davis was a civilian jail officer in the Delaware County Jail. He was a sergeant and supervised eight people, all of whom were white with the exception of one black man.

Of the remaining seven, four were white women.

At that time. Davis said. he had been employed by the Delaware County Sheriff for 12 years. "I was first employed under Sheriff Gary Carmichael, who was responsible for my employment."

According to Davis, on that morning, at the start of his shift, civilian jailer Stacey Morgan passed close by his position. "I thought that she smelled like alcohol," he said.

"I didn't say anything to her, but rather went into

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the jail proper, where I saw Chief Deputy Larry Brandon. I stopped him and asked for a moment of his time. I mentioned that jailer Morgan appeared to have alcohol on her breath or her person.

"I didn't directly accuse her, but said I thought that was the case. I also stated that I would like to look into it further before I said anything to her."

Davis said that Brandon queried him concerning why he thought Morgan had been drinking. "I replied that she smelled like alcohol. Brandon simply said, 'OK,' and didn't ask any further questions. I returned to my job. At this time I had not said anything to Capt. Pickett (Richard Pickett, jail commander)."

Davis said that he noticed some 15 minutes later that Pickett was in the jail, and that he was asking for Morgan. He said that he assumed that Brandon had informed him of his (Davis') suspicions of alcohol, and that Pickett wanted to look into it himself.

"Capt. Pickett found jailer Morgan and took her into an office, closed the door and remained closeted with her for approximately one hour.

"I personally felt that, since I was her supervisor. that I should have been asked to sit in on the conversation."

Davis said that a second meeting followed, this time in Pickett's office. The second meeting lasted about 1 1/2 hours, according to Davis. Then Morgan returned to work. "I don't know what went on in that office, and I wasn't told," said Davis.

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'Music Man' Refuses to Let Age Catch up With Him

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Charles Anderson Blair likes music--a lot. Why else, 15 years after his retirement, would he continue to be involved with two music groups?

"I've always liked music. ever since I was a child. Even back when I was in school I was interested in music," he said the other day.

The 77-year-old Muncie resident is a member of the choir at Shaffer Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1501 E.



Charles Anderson Blair

Highland Ave., Muncie. Virtually every Sunday morning he is in the church, singing lustily with other choir members.

He is probably the second oldest member of the choir, after Grace Forman, 84, who doesn't come to the church that much anymore.

Saturday mornings he practices with other members. He is also a 4-year member of a chorus group of the Lay Male Chorus of the Indiana Conference Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal

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Future Bright for Youngsters Who Value Education

Education is one path out of a life of deprivation. African Americans who get a high school or college education are more likely to get better-paying jobs and opportunities than their counterparts who are not similarly equipped.

It is no wonder that during the despicable slavery times the slave-owners were adamant that blacks should not go to school and should not learn to read or write. The slave-owners understood only too well that knowledge is power. Educated slaves would have undermined the rationale, if ever there was one, for allowing human beings to buy and own other human beings.

We are, therefore, saddened when we see young people trying to discourage other young people from learning. In a recent Time magazine edition, there was a depressing story about how bright and talented

young African Americans are often discouraged from excelling in school by their peers who accuse them of trying to "act white."

The talented students often have no friends at school. They are ostracized for trying to succeed or for doing well in their classes. Sometimes they are threatened. Other times they suffer physical abuse. Often some of them will pretend to be dumb or uninterested in their lessons--so they can be accepted by their peers.

In a recent issue of The Muncie Times, State Rep. Hurley C. Goodall was quoted as challenging African American women in Muncie to do their best to hold and nurture black families. We want to pick up that challenge and urge men and women, ministers, business people, community leaders and everybody else to rally around the battle to keep our young people

in school and to urge them job. to learn.

We want them to realize that education is valuable. We want them to realize that education is something that no one can take away from them. Once they have it, it's theirs for life. As the future leaders of our communities and our country. they need to learn as much as they can--if they are not to become a lost generation. It is not enough to provide an Afrocentric curriculum, to include African American history in all our teachings, to establish black all-male academies, to focus on building selfesteem or to promote academic affairs.

What is needed is to inculcate in the young people a desire to learn. They must be encouraged to thirst for knowledge. They must be made to realize that there is usually a connection between a good education and a good

There are some young people who have made it big through entertainment and athletics. Some of them, without the benefit of a decent education, are earning tens of thousands of dollars. Some have even become instant millionaires. But for each one who makes it because of athletic prowess or entertainment appeal there are thousands who don't succeed in those fields. Education, on the other hand, offers much better odds for success.

In times of despair or frustrations, we have often turned to the churches, to the women and to the civil rights organizations to pull us through. This is one of those times when we should address the education crisis in our communities. We should reward--not punish--academic excellence. We should encourage it. We should teach its values. We should let our young people

know that there is nothing wrong with being good in school.

We should make education the cornerstone for the revitalization of the family and of family values. We should encourage our young people to excel in school and then go on to college to become lawyers, professors, doctors, journalists, professors, accountants. ministers, business people, teachers, administrators.

We should stress to them that if they do well in school then they bring respect and success to their communities.

There must be a community-wide effort to get the message home that it is fashionable--indeed desirable--to do well in school and to become successful role models. If we fail in that mission we could well doom the future of African Americans for many generations to come.

Justice Reader Gets a Painful Lesson in Court room

Letter to the editor:

Once a person is charged with a crime, he or she is at the will of the judicial system.

Although most people can't see what is taking place, I had the opportunity to witness the "co-conspirators" at work. Yes, I use the word "conspirator" to describe the judge, prosecutor and public defender ("conspirator"--usually used to describe partners in

I believed that a judge's job was to preside over proceedings and be a neutral body to rule over disputes. As well, I believed that a public defender's job was to protect clients and defend them to the best of his or her ability (as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution).

Therefore, what took

place on this particular day in court was totally contrary to what should have happened.

Enter the defendant (myself). I was offered a seat next to my public defender (who doubles as a well-paid, high-profile defense lawyer), who announced to the judge that I was revoking my plea agreement. This was done in an effort to allow the prosecution an extra month in which to try me. I had previously stated in court that I didn't commit the crime, as well as informing the pre-sentence investigators of same. Therefore, the judge was bound to reject my plea.

The judge also stated that he had another death pe-

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By Focusing on Integration, Black Leaders Miss Real Issues

All my adult life, I have advocated the importance of economic development and formal education as two keys to the kingdom on earth.

I have also stressed the importance of civil rights and politics, having organized and led marches and legal confrontations with TV stations to force them to hire Blacks in the 60s.

In the last decade, my emphasis, however, has been on economic aspects of empowerment, because our gains in civil rights and politics have gotten most of the attention and all of the resources.

We've been so successful in these areas that we've now caught up with whites with more than our share of political crooks and thieves who can lie, steal and demagogue with the best of them.

Education has slipped because we surrendered our responsibility to the myth of integration, the forsaken belief that whites loved us enough to educate us. Our children in the 90s now

Tony Brown's



suffer for the adult foolishness of the 50s.

Civil rights organizations have gone from fighting the enemy they could see (segregation in public) and defeating it to lobbying for government and corporate salvation (which is the same mistake we made in education).

Black leadership has become self-centered and cultish. A hero runs for president and the masses vicariously live out his wealth and fame. The more he is able to exploit them for his own good, the more brazen he becomes in his exploitation and the more the masses seem to enjoy it.

In the interim, however,

reality marches on. As in the computer world: Garbage in, garbage out. Nothing tried, nothing gained.

After years of self-delusion (quotas, affirmative action, busing, reparations, integration, etc.) we have managed to regress postslavery status in America.

Nobody wants to admit that he or she is a part of the problem. So we find a new scapegoat (civil rights organizations) to sit alongside our permanent devil (racism) to maintain our illusory state of mind.

In no way do I mean to excuse the leadership and the followership of the NAACP or Urban League over the past 40 years.

They have squandered our resources chasing proximity and acceptance from a white population. But the Black public supported the charade and must share equally in the blame and the disastrous outcome.

The Black public is acting as though every ill in the community is the result of poor leadership and a poorer agenda of civil rights groups.

A Gannett News Service/-Detroit News nationwide poll of Black adults showed that Blacks believe that civil rights groups fail to meet their social and economic needs. An excellent threepart series, "Who speaks for Black Americans?", ran in The Detroit News on Feb. 23, 24 and 25...

In the poll Blacks said that these groups are stuck in the 60s. They're not doing enough in economic development, not enough for the homeless or the poor. The NAACP doesn't create enough jobs, is responsible for poor education, the lack of unity among Blacks, and drugs.

"I see the pain, I see the need. I don't see the NAACP," one East St. Louis woman said.

The NAACP is wrong. The Urban League is wrong. The politicians are wrong. The sororities. fraternities, union, teachers, etc., are wrong. But mostly its Black people. For example, Blacks won't buy from Blacks in business, but are quick to criticize Blacks in business.

But the greatest wrong is perpetrated by you and I, the individuals, who refuse to accept our share of the blame and change--and make the NAACP, the Urban League, the politicians, etc., better than they

"By your deeds, ye shall be known" -- not by your running away from responsibility and covering it up with vicious and mindless criticism.

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Inmate Laments His Courtroom Experience

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nalty case coming up (as if I should feel the death penalty case was more important than mine). I thought out loud, "Every time I'm getting ready to go to jury trial, he says he's got a death penalty case. I'm facing 50 years--seems to me like I've got my own death penalty case.'

Then the judge set a new jury trial date in October 1991, which was six months in the future and 19 months from the date of my arrest. I objected verbally because the law states that "no person shall be held to answer to a charge over a year without a trial, unless that person has caused a delay.".

At this point, the prosecutor looked up from the obviously humorous conversation he and a woman prosecutor were having. He stated that on Mar. 13, 1991, one day before the statutory one-year limitation was up, I hadn't objected to the delay. I then directed my response to the judge (because the prosecutor resumed his own private proceedings with the other prosecutor). I stated that in fact I did object Mar. 13, 1991, verbally in court and then had handwritten a pro-se motion stating the same the following day. However, the point should not be whether I objected, but if the state was violating

its own statute.

Having no more ammunition, the judge then closed that particular hearing and said he would check it out. I'd hate to think what's happening to the records (access to which I have been denied) that prove my point.

So here I am, being brutalized by the judicial system and hoping someone out there has a camcorder. But for those who brutalize in the court room there's no one armed with a video weapon, and the perpetrators continually get away. A man once said, "In the pursuit of a monster, you have to be careful not to become a monster."

> -- C. Shawn Norris Marion County Jail

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Music Lover Blair Enjoys Life in The Singing Lane

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Church.

On April 30, 1986, then-Indiana Secretary of State Edwin J. Simcox presented a Hoosier Service Recognition Award to the AME Lay Male Chorus. He did so after hearing the a cappella group perform in Plainfield, Ind.

The Lay Male Chorus started out on Feb. 21, 1981, at Allen Chapel, Indianapolis. Its first concert was in October of that year at the same church. The chorus was organized as an AME choir, giving Indianapolis and Muncie members a chance for spiritual fellowship. There are five Munsonians in the choir.

"But now the chorus includes all denominations, AME, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and so on. We even have preachers singing with us. We go from city to city singing.

"I joined," Blair said, "because I wanted to be in it. You couldn't find a better bunch of men to be with. There's no foolishness when we are together.

"Whatever money we raise from our singing we use it to help others. We have sent \$400 to Africa. I hope they made good use of it. We have also sent donations to various groups, including the United Negro College Fund.

"We don't put any money in our pockets."

A leaflet promoting one of the chorus's benefit programs described the Lay Male Chorus as church "men who sing a cappella for the fellowship within the chorus, for the joy of singing praises, testifying to the power and glory of our Lord and for the pleasure and enjoyment it will bring to those who choose to listen."

The third Saturday of every month the chorus,



Charles Anderson Blair with his brothers and sisters.

Blair among them, travels Blair has five sisters,

from city to city to perform.

Blair, who retired when he was 62, lives with his second wife, Evelyn, 76, in Muncie. She was born in Tennessee. They met in Muncie. They have been

married 17 years.

He was married to his first wife, the late Louella, for 31 years. She was from Morristown, Tenn. Blair has a stepdaughter, Wonder Jefferson of Wabash, Ind., and a grandson, David Jr., from that marriage.

Blair said his maternal grandfather, Thomas Winfield, who was born in Tennessee, in 1911 became the first African American blacksmith in Indiana. Winfield's son, Randolph, shoed race horses at fairgrounds.

Blair has five sisters, Mary Alice, Margaret Jane, Sarah Ann, Beverly and Juanita, and two brothers, William and John. All his siblings live in Muncie, some of them after initially moving to Gary, Ind., and Cleveland, Ohio.

During his time he has watched Muncie change. "There used to be very few colored people in this city," he said. "Now there are a lot more. There used to be very few opportunities for colored people in Muncie. That has also changed.

"A lot of places along Centennial, where there used to be farmland, have been turned into houses.

"To today's young people I would say, take advantage of these changes which were not available when I was growing up. Go to school and learn a trade. The days of manual labor are gone. The other day I went to Fischers, where they make auto bodies.

"They have 38 robots doing the work that was normally done by men. Without an education you won't go anywhere."

Blair attended Muncie's Longfellow Elementary School, when it was at Penn Street and Broadway. That site is now occupied by the Buley Center. From Longfellow, he went to Burris Junior High School, but he had to quit school during the Great Depression so he could get a job.

He worked at Indiana Steel for 5 years and for 7 more years at Broderick. After that he moved to Riverside, Calif.

"My first wife, Louella, had asthma. Doctors recommended that we should move to California or Arizona, where the weather was better. We went to California. I lived in Riverside for 9 years, from 1941 to 1950.

"Then my own health began to suffer. So we moved back to Muncie," he said. "I went back to Indiana Steel for 25 years. I retired from there when I was 62, about 1977. Now I take it easy, except for remodeling some houses and choir practice."

Blair said his hobbies used to be hunting and fishing. "I used to enjoy hunting. But after I got shot twice, I quit," he said. "This summer I plan to fish."

The slender, bespectacled Blair said he has no plans to slow down or spend his time in a rocking chair. "The music keeps me busy. I enjoy what I am doing. I plan to continue being in the Shaffer Chapel AME choir and I also plan to continue performing with the Lay Male Chorus."





Charles Anderson Blair and the A.M.E. Lay Male Chorus.

Jail Boss Pickett Declines Comment

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Davis said that when Morgan returned to work, he and several other officers noticed that she was going around talking to all the other women in the jail.

"Don Withers, who is white and was also under my supervision, said, 'What's going on?' I replied that I didn't know. Withers said, 'I guarantee you these women are up to something no good. I don't know what it is, but they are up to no good."

Shortly thereafter, Davis said, all the women met with Pickett in his office. That meeting lasted for about two hours.

"Later that day I heard from Greg Taylor, who said, I feel you have a right to know--all these women are getting together and they are accusing you of sexual harassment and that's what all these secret meetings have been about. I just feel like you have a right to know.' I heard nothing else that day and went home."

Davis said that when Sheriff Dan Elliott returned from vacation, he went to him and repeated his suspicions that Morgan had been drinking. "I also said, it's been a week and a half and he (Pickett) hasn't told me anything.

"The sheriff said, 'It sounds like you and Pickett need to go into this office and talk until you get this settled. I don't care if it takes all day.'

"Pickett and I went into the office and talked for about an hour and a half. I told him I thought it was

terrible that all of this time had elapsed and he hadn't told me anything about what was going on and that I felt like since I was her supervisor I should have been invited in as a witness. But you (Pickett) haven't told me anything--whether you thought she was intoxicated--nothing.

"He said, 'You're right, I probably should have said something to you, but I have also received complaints from Stacy and other people about you sexually harassing them.'

Davis said that he pointed out that Morgan was probably upset with him for accusing her of drinking, and that this was her way of getting even.

The meeting ended with nothing being resolved, Davis said. "When I asked him (Pickett) if she was intoxicated, he said that she had a faint aroma of alcohol, but not enough to warrant a breathalyzer. And he (Pickett) told me, 'Well, these are just allegations to this point, and we will do an investigation."

Davis said that prior to the investigation, each of the women were afforded a chance to write out statements. All did. "On the other hand I was never asked for a statement. They kept saying I would get a chance to give my side of the story--I never did.

"The ensuing investigation consisted of two hearings. The first was held on Jan. 20, and the second was two weeks later on a Saturday.

"The investigation consisted of a hearing before

Chief Deputy Brandon. Also present were jail Commander Pickett, my attorney, Mick Alexander, and the county attorney, Donald Dunnuck.

The hearing lasted probably 5 hours.

"I was offered a deal by Pickett about two weeks before the hearing. The deal was that if I would seek counseling and forfeit my job, I would be put on a hiring list for possible future employment.

"As far as they're concerned right now, I'm just a jailer and the whole affair is over."

Jailer Stacey Morgan, contacted at the temporary jail, where she answered Chief Deputy Larry Brandon's telephone, declined to comment on the affair. saying "I have no comments for you."

Sgt. Blackmer, assistant jail commander, queried as to whether the incident began with Davis calling Morgan drunk, replied, "Not true. You'll have to talk to Capt. Pickett on that."

Pickett, in an interview originally scheduled with Sheriff Dan Elliott, requested that this reporter not contact the other two women involved. Jackie Marlow and Delilah Huddleston, saying that they had no comment and didn't want to talk."

Though Pickett said, "I will not rehash all of the arguments," he agreed that, "He (Davis) did make the allegation (of alcohol), but it has nothing to do with the sexual harassment charge."

Pickett added that Davis' charges had been thoroughly checked. Pickett said that Morgan "was not intoxicated, and Davis was not disciplined for doing his iob."

He said, "Earl is alleging a lot of things, some of which may be true or not, but I don't want to rehash the arguments.

As to the existence of prior complaints of sexual harassment against Davis, Pickett said, "No comment."

Pickett said that, "As far as I'm concerned, this was not in retaliation for his charge--after hearing all the evidence we felt they (the women's charges), were substantiated. We feel that he did sexually harass members of the department."

Pickett said the incident was handled internally because the Fire/Police Merit Commission does not have jurisdiction over civilian jail personnel.

Mick Alexander, attorney for Davis, said, "Clearly, this kind of incident should have been handled before the commission."

Davis said, "The only thing I would like for people to know is that these acusations are completely untrue and I feel that I have been treated badly from the word go. I will find it hard to ever have faith in my employer again. I expected more from the top officials of the department--more professionalism."

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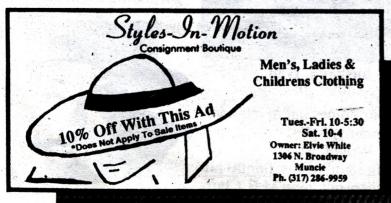
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Social Worker of the Year' Loves Helping Kids

by Judy Mays

Whenever the discussion centers on the special needs of children, you can be assured that you will hear the name Jean Wright.

Wright, a Muncie native, is the daughter of the late Ross and Mrs. Dorothy Rowe. She is a 1966 graduate of Muncie Central High School and a 1981 graduate of Ball State University, where she earned a degree in social work. Wright entered Ball State at 17, but then married childhood sweetheart Ivan Wright. Eleven years passed before she resumed her education. Now, 14 years later, Wright was honored as "Social Worker of The Year" as an adoption specialist. Late last year, she received a trophy and plaque from Indiana One Church/One Child at the group's annual benefit reception.

Noted author-educatorspeaker Dr. Jananza Kunjufu was the guest speaker.

Starting her career in social work with the Department of Public Welfare in 1977, Wright was an assistant caseworker in food stamps. By the time she was recognized for distinguished service, she had become a special needs adoption specialist for District 5, with 13 counties in Marion, Richmond, New Castle, Anderson and Muncie.

In July 1991, Wright received Academy of Certified Baccalaureate (ACB-SW) certification.

She said special needs adoption is any an-risk groups that include older children, minority children 2 and older, sibling groups, physically, emotionally, and mentally challenged children.

Special needs, as refers to non-minority children, are those 6 or older. "Espe-



Jean Wright

cially hard to place," Wright said, "is the black male child--that's sad."

Wright has been challenged in trying to recruit enough families not only for adoption but also for foster care. She said, "Then of course, there are transracial issues." Another challenge is to try and bridge the gap between the welfare system and the barriers that have been set up with black families.

The issues Wright refers to can be complex or basic things like hair care for black children in non-black households.

Wright, a very pleasant and caring person, often spends special time with the children she is trying to place, preparing dinner or sometimes having them sleep over. She is involved and would like the black community to be more receptive to caring for children.

She said, "In a recent informal research regarding children at risk (in the welfare of probation system), 90 percent have no spiritual background or affiliation. Of the 10 percent that did have some decision to go up to the

religious awareness, the parents weren't involved, but either sent their children to church or left the

Community Schools. This is a newly created position, underwritten by grants to provide guidance for children who are at risk.

She, Roger Hubbard, Myra Rahe, Desiree Price and Roseanne Hughes are part of a team which includes an administrator, nurse, counselor, school psychologist, teachers (regular and special education), parents and appropriate community agencies. They will also assist in identifying students in need of assistance.

Wright is involved with all 12 elementary schools but has a base group, which includes Washington-Carver, Southview, Garfield, Sutton, and Longfellow schools. "Basically, I think children are our future--we need to pay closer attention to our children and become more involved with what affects them, not only in ch, is on the church's children staff, is a member of The Helping Hands, an usher, treasurer of Motivate Our Minds (M.O.M.), and is on the board of directors for the Huffer Memorial Children's Center. She also finds time to work with the Indiana One Church/One Child Program.

Wright said that the potential problems for children at risk are high. She hopes to minimize and, in some cases, alleviate the social stresses for families in the school system.

Wright and her husband, Ivan, construction manager with Indiana Bell, will soon celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Ivan "Neddie" Jr., a Ball State University student.

Inspired by the drills seen at several midwest youth conventions, the New Hope Baptist Church youth formed the NHBC Stepmasters late in 1989. It was started by Stacey Edwards and Dorica Ross. The group, which averages 10 members 8 to 23, recites powerful verses that express a knowledge and love of God.

Recently, the group performed at the Delaware County Children's Home. Their unique and creative way of teaching is something worth seeing. They'll tell you that serving God is a better idea--because He's the real thing and that if you've got Jesus you've got the right one.



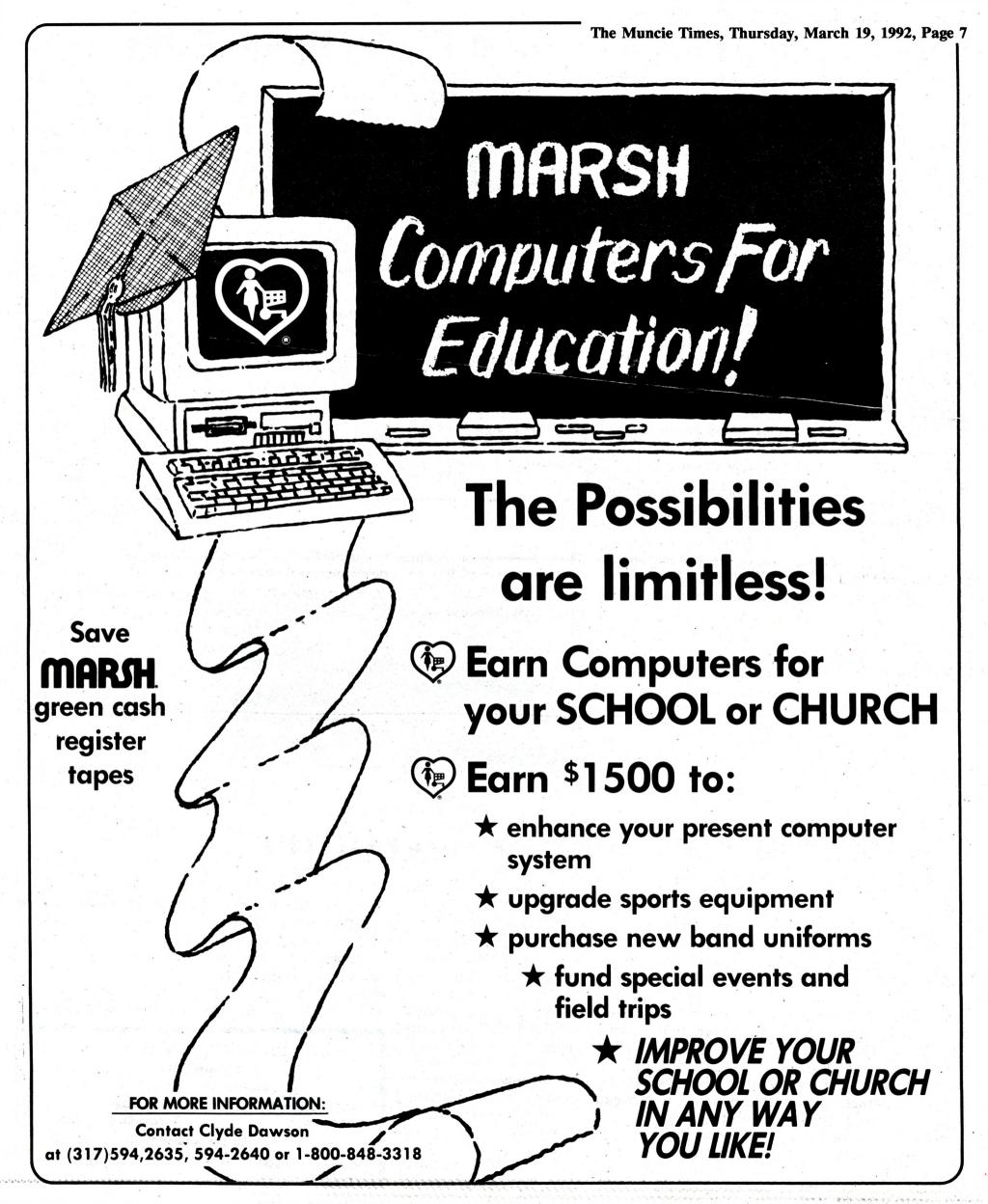
Jean Wright and her husband, Ivan, with son Ivan "Neddie" Jr.

child."

Last Jan. 27, Wright accepted a new challenge as a student assistance coordinator with the Muncie our homes but in our community."

Wright, who is also a codirector of the family ministry of Union M.B. Chur-





Muncie Spawns City's First Professional Rappers

Now it can be told--so run and tell this:

Muncie has given birth to a new "hot" rap group. Tony "Big Daddy Ace" Taylor, J.D. "Godfather" Fouder and Abron "Casanova Buc-Wild" Buckner, a trio of talented rappers make up the The Pros, professional rappers. According to Taylor, the group was formed 3 years ago. "We started rapping at school (Muncie Central High School). We would go into the men's bathroom and in the hallway before classes and just start rapping--before we knew it there would be a large crowd around us and they seemed to like what we were doing.

"So we decided to keep working hard at perfecting our rapping and writing skills."

As a result of all their determination and hard work, The Pros first new cassette recording will hit the street March 27.

The Pros first offering features six songs: "I'm not Jokin'," "Just Another Groove," "Dropping Lyrics to D-Mix," "Never Under-estimate," "Shout Outs," and the title cut (my personal favorite) "Raw Material."

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Taylor said, "We really

appreciate this opportunity

to produce our music and

we're thankful for all the

help and support that we've

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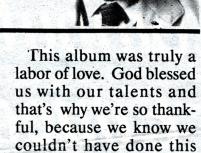
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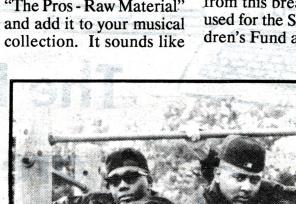
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Csolkovits Diet Plan A

by Doc Carney

Ernest A. Csolkovits, 35, is a native of Chicago, where he resided until age 28. He attended Fenton high school and worked at various jobs. He was a janitor and cleaned bowling alleys, among other things. Finally, he met a man in Chicago who owned a jewelry company. "He offered me a job selling precious and semi-precious stones. By the time I was 21, I was chairman of the company," he said.

He then started his own

training company, called "I can, Inc.," and conducted sales and management training for computer firms and other businesses.

In 1980 Csolkovits began work on the Delta Daily Diet concept. Between 1980 and 1982 he put together the organizational and research plans.

In 1982 he formally launched Delta Diets as Delta International, and began product testing.

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Selfishness, Pride Producing Vain, Insensitive Zombies

by Cynthia Lewis Reed

Compare one's personality to a bank account. If an individual persists in depositing post-dated promises that continually bounce due to insufficient trust, you can bet your last buck that your dividend will be a pile of dry bones.

With all of the sly snakes and little foxes in this world, one could easily start a support group for people who leave a bad taste in the mouth.

Bad impressions are the post-natal afterbirth of bad decisions, conceived through the intercourse of secrecy and denial. It's unfortunate that the meekest, kindest individual falls prey to smooth-talking criminals who prostitute the trust of those whose intentions are sincere.

But what is truly sad is that an act of kindness could be misread by socalled trustworthy people, who use the kind acts of others for personal gain and attention.

This is addressed to those of you who know such individuals and who still believe that these people have some hope. So con-



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sider this an advice column on how to intervene.

For those of you who suffer from an uncontrollable mouth that makes a bad impression on others, maybe there's redeeming value in the next few paragraphs for you to ponder.

Like the adage says, "Once a dog, always a dog."

But even a Rottweiler likes a pat on the head every now and then, especially if the pooch receives the proper training to do right. Provided that one is not persistently belligerent, people with rotten personalities may be suffering from a lack of positive self-appreciation.

Try and answer yes or no to the following:

* You have a history of tearing yourself down.

* You avoid reality by trapping yourself into a 25hour day/8 days a week workaholic frenzy to the point where your body gives out.

* You are so obsessive and insecure that you feel something is wrong with everything you do. So you look for faults in others to put yourself "one up."

* You think that avoidance is the ultimate cureall for your ills, thus taking out your hostility on unsuspecting, nice people who "get in your way."

If you answered "no" to all of the above, stop reading and do something nice for somebody. For the "yes" people, congrats! You are a finalist for Personality Zombie of the Year.

If you qualify for the finals and want to withdraw, you'd best start to deal with the little voice that says to you, "Ain't nothin' wrong with me." Every one of us

estimate of their

could improve when it comes to keeping a foot (maybe feet) out of the mouth.

First learn to deal with the truth. If you're guilty of giving misinformation, be humble enough to admit your mistake. One Watergate in history is enough.

If you're guilty of a physical indiscretion (like wearing a tuxedo with no socks at a black tie event and your feet are ashy), next time, ask an honest person to give you feedback on how you look. It's essential to social survival when you recognize that the world revolves around certain rules of acceptable attire.

Still, be yourself, not what others expect you to be. Learn to govern your own life.

For those who just have a "nay-as-ty" disposition, with a mouth to match, if you have a sliver of a conscience, think about how your personality can make or break you in the future-professionally, socially or personally.

If you ever relapse into a bad habit, ask your true friends for advice on how to keep from fouling up again. Getting up takes a little more time than falling down.

Selfishness, pride, vanity and stubbornness are the despicable nasties that crucify human relationships. Just ask any divorce lawyer. But psychological studies do show that one who sincerely unveils errors stands a chance of creating an atmosphere of compassion.

But beware of people who turn from blood-thirsty vampires into flirty little butterflies overnight. They could be wolves in lamb's clothing. You could become part of a picnic basket.

There are no guarantees that a personality reconstruction will erase all or any bad impressions. The best to be hoped for is neutralizing acidic impressions, scarred into the minds of former associates, recognizing that numbness may very well be a side-effect coming from those you hope to re-impress.

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Ernest Csolkovits

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"If folks will give the product a 10-day test, I'm sure they will find the product works. We prefer to let our product do the talking," he said.

For further information on the Delta Diet Plan, call Delta Headquarters toll Child later this year.

free at 1-800-72Delta, or write: Delta International (Delta Daily Diet), 16910 West 10 mile road, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

Csolkovits is a commercial pilot who flies two of his own planes, an Aero Star and a Navaho Chieftan. He is an advanced scuba diver, plays racquetball, roller blades, roller skates, ice skates and holds a black belt in the martial arts.

He lives in a suburb of Detroit with his wife, Laura, and their two children, Aurora, 8, and Arielle, 3. They are expecting another child later this year.

Ex-Muncie Resident Named Ombudsman in Maryland

by Irene Elmore

Proudly escorting his two daughters, Samantha and Samara, Sam Williamson attended the 100 Women's eighth annual Ethnic Buffet.

Williamson, a short-time resident of Muncie, came back in the fall of 1974. He was the first black executive to be hired by Ball Corp. where he was Corporate Manager, Employment Practices.

Though his stay in Muncie was for only 3 years he had a notable impact on the community. He was appointed chairman of the Muncie Human Rights Commission by Mayors Cooley and Wilson. He also served on the boards of the OIC, the Economic Development Commission, The Muncie Boys Club and the Muncie Chamber of Commerce Equal Employment Opportunities sub-

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Williamson is living in Germantown, Md., where he has been a corporate executive for Fairchild Space and Defense Corp. for 11 years. He was most recently appointed corporate ombudsman. An ombudsman is an advocate for a designated group or organization.

Throughout his career, Williamson's success at

effectively blending business and a social sciences approach for managing human resources has always meshed with his personal efforts in being an advocate for fairness. In his 27 years of industrial life, he has held executive positions with Digital Equipment Corp. and Raytheon Co., both headquartered in Massachusetts. He is the founder and former chief



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executive officer of the now defunct management consulting firm, Pragmatic Initiatives.

Williamson has lectured at St. Josephs College of Long Island and National Louis University of Chicago.

Ask him how he wants to be remembered and he will simply say, "As an untiring and stalwart INFRACANI-NOPHILE."

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Politicians Who Ignore National Health Insurance Risk Losses

by John E. Jacob

It took a while, but national health policy has finally climbed to the top of the policy agenda in Washington, D.C.

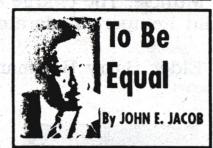
Ever since ideas for a national health insurance program were first floated in the late 1940s, the idea has lingered in the background. Meanwhile, expenditures on health have escalated. About 37 million people, two-fifths of them children, have no health insurance or have limited access to health care.

Why is the issue a hot one now?

Politics is part of the reason. Many observers say that Sen. Harris Wofford (D-Pa.) hit a home run in his election campaign last fall by making health care a major campaign issue. But even politics wouldn't be enough to send the issue to the top of the charts, without a real need for health policy reform.

So the two big drivers of the calls for change are need and economics.

sion has highlighted the desperate circumstances in



which so many people find themselves -- when loss of a job invariably means losing employer-paid health insurance.

Rates for privately purchased insurance are skyhigh, as are the costs of hospital stays, or even visits to a doctor's office.

The media are full of horror stories about people who can't get needed health care because they don't have insurance. People are rightly outraged by the notion that health care-which should be a basic human right--is rationed on the basis of ability to pay.

Economics is another driving force. Health care consumes 12 percent of all national spending. Costs are rising far faster than the overall inflation rate.

on one side and worker demands for better coverage on the other. Health care costs today are a bigger part of an automobile's sticker price than the steel that goes into the vehicle.

State and local budgets are being trashed by their share of Medicaid expenses, even as the Medicaid program provides second-class coverage for the poor and fails to cover many poor families.

Small wonder, then, that many mayors, governors and big corporations are in the vanguard of those calling for change.

Congress is considering plans to change the current system. The Bush administration is coming up with its own plan. Coming in the midst of a presidential election campaign, a health policy debate is brewing that is bound to change the way the system operates.

At this stage, it is

probably too early to identify any single proposal as the one to go with. Surely some basic principles should be applied to examining the many plans under consideration.

One such principle is that there must be a sharply expanded federal role.

We'll be hearing a lot about free market solutions in the coming months. But health care is a public good--most people don't have the means or the information needed to buy health care the way they buy TV sets. Who ever heard of a heart attack victim negotiating fees with a doctor?

Only the government can set national standards and fee structures that ensure access to care and clamp a lid on costs.

A second principle should be universal coverage.

Too many people fall through the cracks of a jobrelated health insurance system. The aid of national health policy should be to bring access to health care to all, especially to the most vulnerable--the poor and moderate income families who have no insurance today.

Finally, we need to go beyond the obsession with financing to devise a rational system of health care delivery.

Poor urban neighborhoods and many rural areas just don't have doctors available, so a system of federally-fundedneighborhood health clinics and preventive health centers should be an integral part of a sound national health policy.







Installation services for Elder Jerry W. Simpson SUNDAY, March 29. beginning with the eleven a.m. services, at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 820 S. Penn St., Muncie. The charge to Pastor Simpson will be given by Rev. Franklin Kemper, Moderator of the Northeastern District M.B. Association.

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Marijuana Smoking Takes Toll on Person's Body, Health

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by Bebe Moore Campbell

The music was mellow, the wine was flowing, and the fine brother who'd been eyeing Sandra ever since the party began finally came over to rap. It wasn't much of a rap: "Say, baby, you want to try some of this?" Without a moment's hesitation. Sandra took the thin ioint that he held out to her and deeply inhaled the acrid smoke. She handed the "i" back to her new friend, but he moved in closer, saying, "Take some more, baby. It's Sinsemilla." After two more hits, Sandra began feeling as though the room were wrapped in gauze; everything mellowed. The rough day Sandra had just had, the problems that she would face tomorrow, faded into the mist as she took vet another hit off the joint and let her mind drift. Through her fog, Sandra saw Mr. Cool motioning to her. "Pass the joint, baby."

For many of us, weed is about partying, getting mellow, cooling out. The good thing about marijuana, we tell ourselves, is that it feels great, is socially acceptable, is readily available, and best of all, it doesn't hurt us. "When I'm blasted off grass, the high is mellow, and I don't have to deal with side effects," says Tony, a letter carrier who admits that he sometimes gets bombed on the job to make his day go faster. No han over, no overdose, no bad trip, nothing but a nice, laid back feeling is marijuana's rep.

There are no grass horror tales. The bums on skid row are into alcohol. Folks with numb noses and body burns from free-basing are co cheads. Thin, nervous DRUGS

types are strung out on speed, and the violent lunatics are on PCP, the synthetic animal tranquilizer. And everybody's hip to the white horse; any fool knows that heroin will kick your natural ass. Grass ain't hard drugs. Nobody gets strung out on weed. "People don't sign themselves into a drug-rehab program and say, "Help me kick marijuana," says Dr. Hiawatha Harris, a medical director of CareUnit, a California treatment center for alcoholics and drug abusers. "Most of our patients think that marijuana is so innocuous that they want to give up everything but grass." Jean, 40, who has been smoking for more than 20 years, sums up the feelings of a lot of smokers: "Grass is cool. A little pot ain't never hurt anybody."

Maybe, maybe not. Although there is little concern for occasional smokers, except pregnant women, there is cause for alarm among those regular smokers who indulge in one joint or more a week and particularly the growing number of abusers who consume one or more joints a day. Forty-three million Americans have tried pot, and currently there are an estimated 16 million users. Recently, because of a number of significant though inconclusive studies on marijuana, a surprising new profile of this "harmless" drug is emerging, one that suggests that-as with alcohol, cocaine and heroinoverindulgence in marijuana can result in physical and psychological damage and that even occasional use may not be without harmful side effects. Among the growing list of unhealthy conditions believed to be caused by marijuana smoking are short-term impairment of memory and other cognitive skills, permanent lung and bronchial-tissue damage, reduction of the body's immunity to infections and diseases, increase in heart rate and higher blood pressure, reduction of healthy sperm and an increase in the number of abnormal sperm in men and the higher-than-average infant-mortality rate of babies carried by mothers who smoke.

Some drug experts feel

that current studies are inadequate and their conclusions premature. "These theories are new, and the scientists haven't done the research over an extended period of time," says Martha Stewart, an administrator of the House of Uhuru, a drug-treatment center in Los Angeles. Other experts, however, believe that scientists are beginning to validate what they have suspected all along: that marijuana smoking is an explosive issue that demands our urgent attention. "Anytime you take a noxious element into the body, there is damage," asserts James Johnson, M.D., chief of medical services at California's CareUnit. "Marijuana has the same implications for health as does cigarette smoking."

Other non-health related effects of the drug-such as the increase in crime associated with the sale of

marijuana, the political implications of using the Black community as the main dumping site for grass and other drugs and the significance of marijuana's cultivation as a cash crop in developing Black nationshave only begun to be studied. Despite the gray areas of the current reports and the persistent question marks that lead some experts to doubt their validity, enough damaging evidence is mounting that one fact is becoming undeniably obvious: Mellowing out on marijuana costs. The price we pay may be our health, our brain power, our finances and, most important, our children. It is time for marijuana smokers to take a good look at the "j" we're passing and reconsider the value of grass in our lives.

"Dope will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no dope" was a slogan of the 70s that captured the tone of the "get-high" era that has been part of the American cultural landscape since the early sixties. A generation of America's youth, turned off by Vietnam and turned on by Jimi Hendrix, lit up and laid back, determined to be insulated against all life's hassles.

Before the 60s brought reefer mass appeal in the United States, it was more commonly associated with musicians and the bluesy side of town, crazy stuff not to be messed with by good folks. "We had reefer growing wild in the fields when I was coming up," recalls one 70-year-old former nurse from North Carolina. "Nobody but some wild boys would mess with that stuff because everybody knew that it would get your head bad and make you crazy." The common (and maybe common sense) notion that (cont. on pg. 19)

reefer was bad for you went the way of the Edsel as marijuana began to get good press and even better music. "Do you wanna go higher?" sang the Chambers Brothers. "I'm gonna take you higher," promised Sly and the Family Stone during that same time. It was no mistake that both albums came out during the Vietnam War era or that Marvin Gaye's tragic lament "Flyin' High (In the Friendly Sky," on his consummate Vietnam-period album What's Goin' On, lamented addiction to heroin, not marijuana. The message was clear: Getting high on grass was the loving, peaceful thing to do in a world torn apart by brutality.

The media spread the word and even refined it. As time passed in the movies and on television, heroes passed the "j." In the ultimate "get-high" film of the 70s, Easy Rider, the good guys didn't wear white hats; they carried joints. The comic duo Cheech and Chong revalidated older smokers' bombed lifestyle and let novices know that dope was more than all right; it was hilarious. Marijuana was such a media darling that it soon had its own publication, High Times, to tout its virtues. By the time the Vietnam and protest eras were a historical memory, the "oz" (ounce bag) was a way of life.

But getting wrecked is a complicated physiological process that has a number of vital parts--lungs, bronchial tubes, bloodstream and brain--working hard for the high. The marijuana plant is a potent combination of more than 350 chemicals. THC, one of the 50 cannabinoids (chemicals found only in marijuana), is its major mind-altering ingredient. When a person

Marijuana May Not Be As Harmless as Some Believe

(from pg. 18)

inhales marijuana smoke into the lungs, THC goes into the bloodstream and then the brain, and within minutes the smoker is high. How high depends on the amount of THC present in the joint. The powerful hallucinogen varies in amount from plant to plant, giving smokers a lift that ranges from being mellow to being totally wasted. Names such as Colombian, Sinsemilla and Jamaican ganja are revered in the Get-High Hall of Fame, but potency isn't the only factor in intoxication.

As with alcohol, how bombed you get depends on your height and weight. Unlike alcohol, which is water soluble, thus washed out by the body, THC is fat soluble. The "get-high" accumulates in the fatty linings of the cells in the body and the brain and is slowly metabolized out of the body. The THC Sandra smoked on Saturday night will remain in her body for a week. If she lights up again on Wednesday, the level will build up again. The message is obvious: Regular smoking means a body that is never entirely drug free. "We know that paranoia and memory loss can clear up," says John-

"IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT." son, "but in cases where the person is smoking every day, you have to wonder when the body can recover."

Ironically, although being ripped may appear to let smokers hang loose, reefer doesn't free the mind. "Smoking can bring out depression and other mental problems," says Johnson. This effect is even more likely to occur when marijuana is indulged in along with other drugs, such as alcohol or cocaine. The mental danger increases when the second drug is a surprise to the smoker. "You have to know your dealer," cautions Johnson. "Sometimes someone will sell you reefer that's been soaked in PCP and tell you it's Colombian. That's a bad trip." The ultimate bad mental trip, though, is needing marijuana to get through the day and night. In 1977 the American Medical Association Council on Scientific Affairs found that heavy use of marijuana may cause mild dependency. Says Johnson: "Chronic smokers develop a way of handling life's ups and downs. They are psychologically dependent on marijuana to make them feel that their world is OK."

Long touted as the ultimate aphrodisiac, marijuana takes a toll on the very organs it's said to stimulate. One 1978 study found that women who smoke marijuana three or more times a week have impaired ovulation and defective menstrual cycles. Studies show that males who indulge heavily in reefer have a lower sperm count and more abnormal sperm as well as a lower level of the hormone testosterone, which ensures the healthy sexual development of males. So, too much "gethigh" may lead to shooting blanks.

The news on grass isn't all bad. Marijuana has been found to be beneficial in the treatment of some diseases. The drug is effective in reducing the pressure inside the eyes of glaucoma victims and the nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite associated with chemotherapy for cancer patients. Recently, U.S. Rep. Stewart McKinney (R-Conn.) introduced a bill to legalize the prescription of marijuana for the treatment of glaucoma and cancer. The bill would in no way change the current criminal status of marijuana as a drug for recreational use,

the bill, such as the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth, feel that it will pave the way for such legislation.

It is not known how many millions of dollars smoke peddlers siphon from the Black community, but one thing is obvious: The money isn't spent there. After the big boys retreat to their safe communities, Black citizens are left with highcrime neighborhoods that aren't safe to walk around in, night or day. The proliferation of dealing establishes a drug-permissive environment that beckons to our children.

Children who smoke reefer are the biggest losers in the get-high story. The psychological and physical effects of the drug are much more devastating to young minds and bodies. In 1977 more than four million youngsters from ages 12 through 17 were using marijuana. Currently, one out of every nine high school seniors smokes dope every day. And smokers are starting even earlier. "I have been with my division for ten years, and each year the smokers go down a grade," says detective Clay Searle, a member of the narcotics division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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"They get it from home, either from their big brothers and sisters or they sneak it from their parents."

The implication of reefer and kids is worst in terms of the educational process. lighting up before, during and even in school, kids lethargically make their way through classes. "Marijuana affects their motivation to learn, not their ability or capability. For the time that they are high, they can't absorb instruction," says Martha Stewart. Ginger, a senior in a Philadelphia high school who used to smoke three or more joints a day, agrees: "I used to come to school ripped in tenth and eleventh grade. My parents were divorcing, and I couldn't handle it. I didn't know what the hell was going on in class. It's going to take me a while to catch up."

Drs. Johnson and Harris see marijuana-dependent youngsters at CareUnit. "They come in because of a crisis. We deal with that and then try to help them set some goals for themselves in a peer group where one of the goals is to live without smoking. They learn about drugs and their consequences," says Johnson. "We put them in a position to have an option."

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Purdue Hosts Special Recruitment Weekend

WESTLAFAYETTE--Six Recruitment Weekend, now top minority high-schoolers from Indiana got a preview of Purdue University's School of Pharmacy and Pharmacal Sciences during a recent special recruitment weekend.

The students' hosts were members of the Purdue chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, a minority pharmacy student group. Minority Pharmacy Student

in its eighth year, seeks to interest more minority students in Purdue's pharmacy school or Purdue in general, said pharmacy Professor Stanley Hem, the Purdue chapter's adviser.

During their visit, the high school juniors and seniors saw a radio pharmacy laboratory demonstration, viewed a film on Purdue's pharmacy school, attended pharmacy classes, saw the Purdue Pharmacy's computerized patient profile system and met with minority alumni.

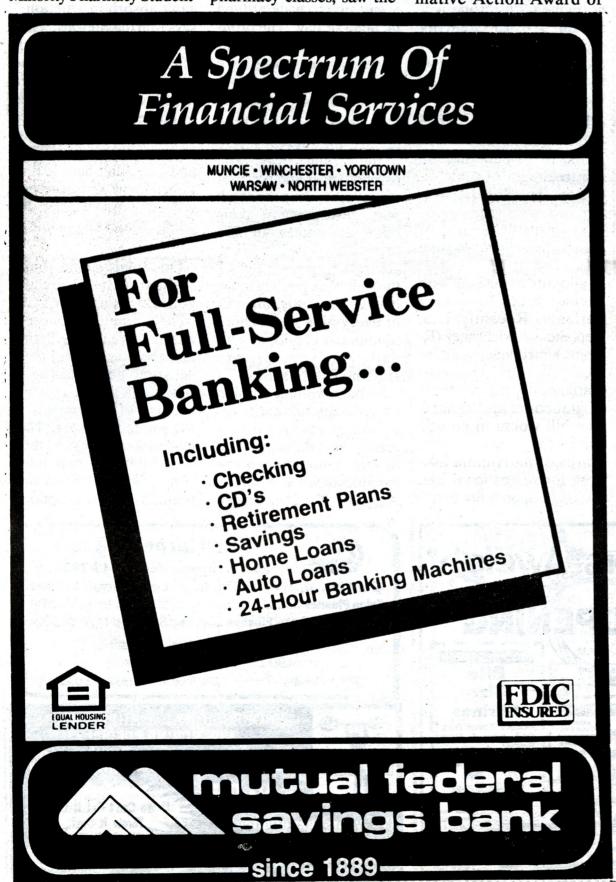
They also attended an awards banquet sponsored by the Student National Pharmaceutical Association and Purdue's Association of Minority Science Students.

In 1989 the minority recruitment weekend initiative received a President's Affirmative Action Award of

In two other years it received Affirmative Action Incentive Grants. It also has been supported financially by various major drug manufacturers. This year's supporters were the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo, Mich: Walgreen Co., Deerfield, Ill.; Hook-SupeRx, Inc., Indianapolis; and Osco

\$5,000 from the university. Drug Co., Oak Brook, Ill. Ronda D. Taylor, of Anderson High School, in Anderson, was among the participants in this year's recruitment program.







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Hunsaker Should Stop Hampering Chandler Thompson's Hoops Style

As you know, this is a column of opinion. My editor and publisher give me free rein every two weeks to vent my spleen on any subject I choose. This week I want to talk basketball, specifically Ball State basketball (which is to say Chandler Thompson).

Every city has a sacred cow, about which no one is expected to comment adversely. The Ball State basketball coach, Dick Hunsaker, is a sacred cow, at least in the eves of the local media. Despite the fact that his team possesses one of the best athletes ever to grace the floor of any basketball facility (and an excellent supporting cast), we find them out of the NCAA and (luckily) in the NIT instead. How did this happen? My answer is that Coach Hunsaker failed to grasp the most fundamental of fundamentals, namely, that when you have a horse, you let him

Muncie basketball fans have had more than their share of outstanding basketball players. Several have been good enough to play in the NBA. Without any research or deep thought on the matter, such illustrious names as Ron Bonham, Jim Davis and Bill Dinwiddie (Rashid Shabazz) come to mind. Each of these individuals was lucky enough to play on teams coached by men who grasped this principle and embraced it whole-heartedly.

Chandler Thompson, on the other hand, has been unfortunate enough to play on a team coached by a little man with a little philosophy and a petty aversion to stars--an attitude probably incubated during his tenure as a small guard on a small team with a small reputation and small accomplishments (Weber State). Perspective

Is Everything

by The Old Sarge



Another principle coach Hunsaker ignores is the principle of pre-eminence. In any sport, the essence of winning is to field your best players. Of any group of players, in any sport, some will stand out above the others. These are the plavers chosen to start the game and, hopefully, to finish it. And any time you remove one of your best players, he is necessarily replaced by one of lesser caliber, thereby weakening the team for whatever period the superior player remains on the bench.

This was the principle at work in the MAC tournament loss to Miami (a team BSU has beaten twice in the regular season). In that game, Chandler Thompson played a total of just 26 minutes. Unbelievable-but true.

Occasionally, one of the sportscasters will venture a near-criticism of Hunsaker. Occasionally one will throw an accolade Chandler's way--but more often the scenario is as follows: "Spicer brings the ball across the center line--he passes to Stalling. Stalling passes back to Spicer, who passes back to Stalling. Stalling shoots (as usual) and misses--and Chandler is replaced by Sylvester." This scenario is reminiscent of the old Saturday Night sketch concerning Claudett Longet and skier Spider Savitch, wherein Longet repeatedly shoots people accidentally.

Basketball is a simple

game, the object of which is to put a round ball through a round hoop while simultaneously preventing the opposing team from doing the same thing.

In school yards across the nation, kids gather to play roundball. The two best players usually are "Captains" and choose the other players on their teams. And they don't choose "team players," they choose players they know can put the ball in the hole and bring down the rebounds. Chandler is just such a player.

At the start of this season, Chandler Thompson was chosen as the number nine off-guard in the nation by a consortium of NBA scouts, without ever having played a game at that position. So what happened? How did Chandler go from mega-star to sometime-starter and number one goat on the team? Did Chandler take up drugs, or drink (though I wouldn't blame him for drinking, given the incentives provided by Hunsaker)?

I think not. What I think is that Hunsaker, for some reason beyond my comprehension, doesn't believe in "stars," or perhaps only stars of his own making (Stalling).

During the last two seasons, I can't think of reading or hearing even one complimentary comment from Hunsaker concerning Thompson. It seems, rather, that publicly Hunsaker doesn't miss a chance to blame Chandler for being Chandler--and I don't know what goes on in the practice sessions.

One thing I do know is this--BSU faces Utah (and Rick Majerus) in their opening NIT game. If, in fact, coaches win games (and I don't subscribe to that theory), then we'll see the big guy beating up on the little guy, with Majerus doing the beating and Hunsaker doing the eating.

And when the season is finally over we'll see the NBA scouts ignoring Hunsaker's opinions and falling all over one another for the chance to sign Chandler. And hopefully we'll also see BSU looking around for a new coach--I'd suggest Muncie Central's Bill Harrell--who recognizes and takes advantage of the talent he has. And if Harrell doesn't want the job, I'd say let Leonard Drake have it. Hunsaker doesn't deserve it.

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The Time For Healing Has Come in The Mike Tyson Case

by Judy Mays

People are still questioning the conviction of Mike Tyson. From the frequency with which the Tyson-Washington tragedy is discussed, and the emotion the subject evokes, a major wound has been inflicted.

Now it is time for healing to begin.

after having viewed the interview Desiree Washington had with Barbara Walters, I am convinced that both Mike Tyson and Desiree Washington are guilty of certain offenses.

You see, I can try to diminish the fact that Washington is partly to blame and look upon the whole affair as a horrendous crime perpetrated upon a gullible, naive, and trusting young woman.

However, if I did that, it would only set Washington and others up to face repeated offenses and consequences. I do not think Washington is a slut or necessarily a money-seeking opportunist.



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foolish by the admission of her own words. In the interview aired on "20/20" and stated to be the only one Washington will do, she described herself as being raised a "strict Baptist." The terminology made me cringe.

She explained how her dad was a big fan of Tyson's and that it became very important to her to get

a picture taken with him.

Washington said it would be a big thrill for her dad. So, she said, she was determined to meet Tyson, regardless of the hour.

To her discredit, Washington revealed that if a similar offer had been made by a non-celebrity, she pro-

I do perceive her to be bably would not have gone. It appears she allowed the celebrity status to cloud her senses. Washington said she thought the request to join Tyson and her consent to be innocent.

> Saying it easily provides an excuse, a sense of justification, but as a "strict Baptist", I would think just

the opposite.

I would remember not to be a respecter of people (includes idol-worshipping and placing one person above another), let not your good be evil spoken of, give no place to the devil, flee from immorality, flee youthful lusts, remember the Creator in the days of your youth and honor God with your body.

It's unfortunate that washington played with fire and got burned. I hope that she and others will gain from this experience.

The need to rally to the cause of an often-publicized celebrity, such as Tyson, is understandable. It is precisely why I will never tell any young person that a lifestyle of questionable standards should be rever-

Tyson is not a role model. Role models don't come color-coded. They come character-molded.

Overcoming adversities to become successful should never give license to the behavior that Tyson was convicted of. It is unfortunate that a brilliant career has been marred. But the message in all of this should be perfectly clear: Celebrity status does not exempt one from the consequences of ill-conceived acts.

Maybe the scales of justice, as voiced by many, are tilted. Yet, do we discount an impressionable young black woman to assuage the violent act of a celebrated black man? Do we not then become as guilty as those we accuse?

Maybe we can finally say, "Sister, we want you to heal - brother we love you enough for you to face the truth and by it be set free." We all are saddened to think of another black male being incarcerated, another black female viewed as some maniacal accuser. It would, however, be even sadder to lie to ourselves and to have others think that we are so desperate to define selfworth that we can excuse the behavior simply because of who the offender is. It is wrong to say to our youth that a successful, meaningful life is controlled by

The beginning of wisdom is the fear of God. Forgiveness is a cathartic agent, essential to the healing of wounds.

Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Takes Aim at MinorityTourism

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce is one of only a few organizations in the nation to form a Minority Convention and Tourism Division within its Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

Only a handful of other cities, such as Oakland, Philadelphia, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Fort Lauderdale, have established agencies with specific programs to target the burgeoning minority convention and tourism industry. This market represents a \$15.8 billion market nationally that still remains unrecognized by most cities.

"It is an untapped market and Jacksonville is now on the cutting edge in working to recruit minority conventions and tourism," said Jacksonville City Council President Warren A. Jones, who is chairperson of the Tourist Development Council for the city.

The Minority Convention and Tourism Division was created with two major goals in mind: to attract minority convention and tourism business to Jackson-

ville and to facilitate the economic involvement and advancement of local minority businesses in relation to the hospitality market. in New Orleans; creating From the Kingsley Planta-

"Jacksonville's entire hospitality industry will benefit from the new business generated by this effort, and the minority business community will gain

new markets for its goods and services," said CVB Vice Chairman Elaine Brown. "As a Chamber, we want to help all of our businesses grow."

Prior to the 1991 development of the division, Jacksonville representatives researched established programs for more than a year. Overall plans include creating a clearinghouse similar to the one operating a network of minority suppliers; forming an alliance between the CVB's marketing effort and minorityowned suppliers; and educating suppliers and other community leaders (such as religious, cultural, ethnic or historic groups) who can contribute to the effort.

"Eventually, we hope the city will become known as a place that wants to do more than be part of a token effort," said Brown. "The whole idea really just makes good economic sense for everyone involved."

Jacksonville has good reason to showcase its rich African American heritage.

tion and Bethel Baptist Institutional Church to **Edward Waters College** and the Broad Street Masonic Temple, Jacksonville offers a variety of historical points of interest for citizens and visitors alike.

A permanent exhibit at the Museum of Science and history, "The Maple Leaf," provides a glimpse of Civil

War life for the common soldier, including those in the 54th Massachusetts regiment, featured in the film Glory.

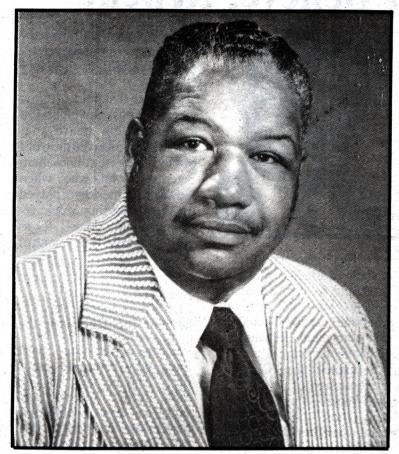
Statewide Housing Seminar at Horizon Center

by Doc Carney

A State-Wide Housing Seminar will be held March 27 at the Horizon Convention Center, followed by a ground breaking ceremony at 1201 E. Kirby Ave. The ground breaking ceremony represents the start of the Nehamiah project, which received \$450,000 in funding from the national HUD office.

Registration for the seminar is \$50, but "scholar-ships" are available for those unable to afford registration. Persons in this category should call Alice Kelley at 282-0310. The number of scholarships is limited.

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True Christians Must Believe, Repent

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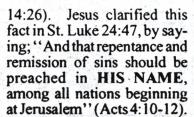
REPENTANCE - They believed and taught repentence (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30).

BAPTISM-They taught that Baptism in Jesus' name was part of the method to receive the remission of Sins (Acts 2:37, 38; 8;12-17; 10:44-48; 19:1-6; 22:16; I Pet. 3:21). They understood the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19,20, which saith: "Go ye therfore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." to mean that they should baptize in the name of Jesus, that name being the name of the Father (St. John 5:43), the Son (Matt. 1:21,23), and the Holy Ghost (St. John

Questions &

Answers By Dr. W.J. Duncan

Founder and President of Muskegon Bible Institute, Indianapolis



BAPTISM OF THE **HOLY GHOST** - They believed and taught that a person should be baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost. They taught that the reception of the

Holy Ghost was a separate and distinct act performed upon the believer AFTER, not WHEN he believed in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Note this: "Now when they

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heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and bretheren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:37,38). "But when they BELIEVED Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ they were BAPTIZED, both men and women" (Acts 8:12). Now at this point there is a separation of their Believing and Receiving the Holy Ghost. They now have already believed and are baptized but have not as yet received the Gift of the Holy

Let's note that point. "Now when the apostles which were at Jersusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yethe was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 8:14-16).

Let's note another very vehement incident with the

voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Right here Paul became a believer in Jesus Christ and repented or surrendered himself unto Him by saying: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" But at this

point he had not been filled with the Holy Ghost, neither had his sins been remitted.

"And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do... And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, lamhere, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth.

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." Note this point, Paul had not yet been filled with the Holy Ghost. It is evident that there must be some sort of sign that God uses to show when a person has been filled with the

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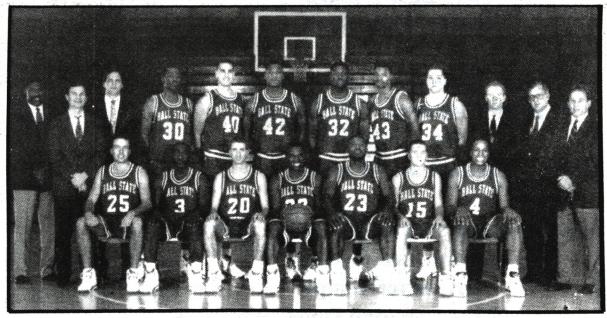
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Holy Spirit. Up to this point, his sin had not been remitted. To prove this point or fact, turn with me to Acts 22:12-16.

"And one Ananias, a devout man according to the Law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. And he

said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. AND NOW WHY TARRIEST THOU? ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED, AND WASH AWAY THY SINS, calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 9:3-6, 10-11, 17-2) 22:12-16).

It is evident that Paul had no received the remission of sin until his subsequent baptism in the name of the Lord Jesu

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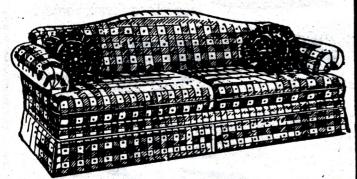
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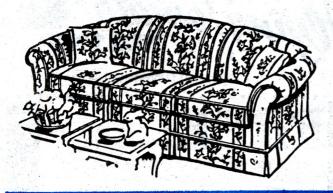
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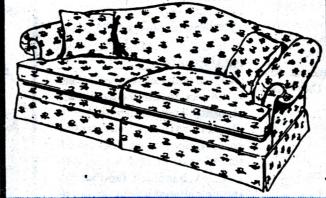




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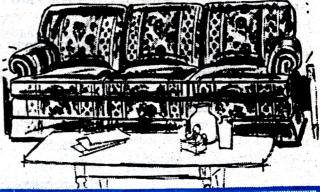




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